

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DEL RIO DIVISION**

**JAVIER CAZARES, Individually as
Wrongful Death Beneficiary of J.J.C.,
Deceased Minor, et al.**
Plaintiffs,

v.

JUAN MALDONADO, et al.
Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 2:24-cv-000045-AM

**UNOPPOSED MOTION OF DEFENDANT PEDRO “PETE” ARREDONDO FOR AN
EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO FILE
HIS ANSWER OR OTHER RESPONSIVE PLEADING**

TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW Defendant Pedro “Pete” Arredondo (“Defendant Arredondo”) and, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b)(1)(A), submit this Unopposed Motion for Extension of his Answer Deadline to file his answer or other responsive pleading, and respectfully shows the Court the following:

I.
SUMMARY

Defendant, for good cause, requests a thirty (30) day extension of time to file his answer or other responsive pleading to Plaintiffs’ First Amended Complaint (Dkt. 2). If granted, the new deadline would be July 24, 2024.

II.
REASONS FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Defendant, for good cause, seeks a thirty (30) day extension to July 24, 2024, to file his answer or other responsive pleading to Plaintiff’s Complaint. Numerous circumstances support Defendant’s request for extension of time.

The circumstances of Defendant's counsel support this request for additional time as Defendant's lead counsel and co-counsel are out of town for a conference for a week and are preparing for a jury trial in a Dallas County Court set to begin on June 25, 2024.

Plaintiff will not be prejudiced by this request. This request is not made for the purposes of delay, but so that justice might be done.

A. Aftermath of Storms of May 28, 2024

On May 28, 2024, severe storms with extremely high winds, large hail, and torrential rain swept across North Texas. These storms caused an extreme power surge in the electrical system of the residence of Defendant's lead counsel Thomas P. Brandt. The damages to the home caused by this surge rendered it uninhabitable for over a week. It was only just this week that Mr. Brandt was able to return to the home. Between the time of the storm and the date that Mr. Brandt could return to his residence, he was involved in numerous and lengthy meetings and conferences with his home insurance company as they investigated and processed his claim and conducted repairs to render the home habitable. This has affected the time that Mr. Brandt has had to devote to responding to Plaintiffs' request for a preliminary injunction.

Counsel for Defendant Christopher Brandt was also affected by the storm of May 28, 2024. His car was totaled when a large tree branch broke and fell on the vehicle due to high winds. The time that Christopher Brandt has had to devote to preparing a response to Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint has been impacted by his need to meet and negotiate with his insurance representatives over the destruction of his vehicle.

B. Pre-Existing Vacation and Legal Conference Plans

Additionally, both Thomas P. Brandt and Christopher Brandt have for many weeks been scheduled for a week of vacation and attendance at the Texas City Attorney's Association's

annual conference in Corpus Christi, Texas, the week of June 10-14, 2024. Neither of them will be able to devote any substantive attention to preparing a response to Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint during that time.

Furthermore, counsel Christopher D. Livingston was on a pre-planned vacation the week Defendant Arredondo was served and counsel Laura O'Leary has scheduled vacation days June 20-21, 2024.

C. Additional Calendar Issues for Defendant's Counsel

Defendant Arredondo was served in three other matters for which answers need to be prepared and filed:

- *Monica Gallegos v. Juan Maldonado, et al.*, United States District Court, Western District of Texas, Del Rio Division, Cause No. 2:24-cv-000050-AM - Defendant Arredondo's Answer due June 21, 2024;
- *Arnulfo Reyes, et al v. Juan Maldonado, et al*, United States District Court, Western District of Texas, Del Rio Division, Cause No. 2:24-CV-00052-AM – Defendant Arredondo's Answer due June 21, 2024; and
- *Oscar Orona IANF of N.O., a Minor, et al v. Christopher Kindell, et al*, United States District Court, Western District of Texas, Del Rio Division, Cause No. 2:24-CV-00049- AM – Defendant Arredondo's Answer due June 24, 2024.

Furthermore, the Brandts have a trial scheduled to begin on June 25, 2024, in the matter of *Nam Khang Tran v. Irving ISD, County Court at Law No. 4, Dallas County, Texas*, Cause No. CC-22-05466-D.

III.
CONCLUSION

This Unopposed Motion is not sought for the purpose of delay, but so that justice may be accomplished.

This brief extension will not prejudice any party. Plaintiffs are **unopposed** to the requested extension of time.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant Pedro “Pete” Arredondo prays that his Unopposed Motion be granted and that the deadline for him to file his Answer to Plaintiffs’ First Amended Complaint be extended until July 24, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Christopher D. Livingston

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

On June 11, 2024, I conferred with Erin Rogiers, counsel for Plaintiffs, regarding this motion and she indicated that Plaintiffs are unopposed to this motion.

/s/ Christopher D. Livingston

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument has been served to all parties of record in compliance with Rule 5 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on the 12th day of June, 2024.

/s/ Christopher D. Livingston
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